Counter services are also being upgraded to provide efficient and responsive services through new technologies. Computer-based multipurpose counter machines have been supplied for 25 postal counters and these are under installation. Regular monitoring of mail and transport systems is being carried out to identify system defects and regular checks also exercised to improve the quality of mail handling.

Encroachment of land belonging to posts and telecommunications departments

1905. SHRI AAS MOHAMMAD:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of encroachment on the land belonging to the Departments of posts and Telecommunications have been detected;

(b) if so, the number of such cases detected in each States so far; and

(c) the action taken by Government against the persons found guilty and efforts made to check such encroachments in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Department of Posts

Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Department of Telecommunications

Number of encroachements as on 31-3-94-21 nos. State-wise figures are given in the Statement. (See below)

(c) Both the Departments in this Ministry have taken action against the persons involved through local police. Besides, the following steps have been taken to check the encroachments:

(i) Erection of fences and boundary walls.

(ii) Putting up of prominent signboard on vacant plots stating that the plot belongs to the Department of Posts/Telecom;

(iii) Construction of building in vacant plots as early as possible subject to availability of funds.

(iv) Instructing officials to be more vigilant and report any encroachment to the Revenue Authority/ Police.

Statement

Department of Telecom

Statement showing State-wise number of encroachment cases

Sl. No.	Name of Telecom Circle/Distt.	No. of encroachment as on 31-4-1994
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2
2.	Assam	..
3.	Bihar	..
4.	Gujarat	..
5.	Haryana	..
6.	Himachal Pradesh	..
7.	J & K	..
8.	Karnataka	1

1	2	3
9.	Kerala	..
10.	Madhya Pradesh	..
11.	Maharashtra	2
12.	N. E.	..
13.	Orissa	2
14.	Punjab	1
15.	Rajasthan	..
16.	Tamil Nadu	..
17.	U. P.	..
18.	West Bengal	..
19.	Madras Distt.	2
20.	Calcutta Distt	3
21.	MTNL, New Delhi	8
22.	MTNL, Bombay	..
23.	ALTTC, Ghaziabad	1
24.	NTR (Mtce), New Delhi	..
25.	T & D, Jabalpur	
	TOTAL :	21

Tariff congestion in the capital's telecom Network

1906. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:
SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether MTNL have chalked out any plan to rectify the recurring problem of traffic congestion in the capital's telecom network; and

(b) If so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Traffic measurements on various routes are taken periodically as per the prescribed procedures and action is taken to augument the circuits accordingly.

Extension of latest telecom technology to Andhra Pradesh

1907. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state::

(a) whether Government propose to provide new facilities like E-mail, Radio paging VSAT services and other services in Andhra Pradesh in 1994-95;

(b) if so, what is the time frame to provide the latest Telecom Services in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to extend the latest telecom technology to Andhra Pradesh?